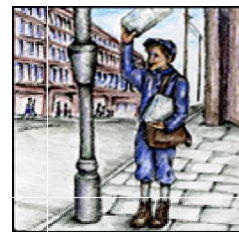


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TRINIDAD CORRESPONDENCE.

TRINIDAD, Cal. May 12, 1852.

EDITORS ALTA CALIFORNIA:—Owing to the recent heavy rains, we have had no late arrivals from the upper country, and I am unable to furnish you with any accounts of what the miners are doing. The steamer *Col. Fremont* touched in here on the 9th inst., and landed a mail and a few passengers for this place. I notice by a paragraph in one of the newspapers received by this steamer that Gen. Hitchcock intends stationing a military force on the Klamath river. This movement will give general satisfaction to the people of this county, as a small force judiciously posted at one or two points on the river would be of great service, and would prevent any further difficulties from taking place between our red brethren and ourselves. The places on the river where the troops are most needed are at Young's (late Tompkins') Ferry, about twelve miles below the junction of the Trinity and Klamath rivers. There are several large Indian ranches in this neighborhood, and the Indians belonging to them have always shown a spirit of hostility towards the whites. At Durkee's Ferry, at the junction of the Trinity and Klamath rivers, there is a large body of Indians; they have been very friendly with the whites since July, 1850, when they were very sorely handled by a party of white men from this place, and their ranches and provisions destroyed. At Wilson's Ferry, on the Klamath, about fourteen miles below the mouth of Scott river, would also be a good place to station a small force, as there is a trail leading from this place to Rogue river, and many of the worst Indians belonging to that place visit the Klamath through this pass. It was at or near this ferry that the late fight occurred, in which some 40 Indians were killed, and two white men wounded.

At or near all the places mentioned above there is good grass for animals, and fine large flats for camping grounds. There is plenty of wood, and water also, and good timber for building purposes.

At Durkee's Ferry, which is on the proposed Indian reservation, there is a government store-house, built by order of Col. McKee, U. S. Indian Agent; it is now occupied by Mr. Durkee.

Wilson's Ferry is on the upper reservation; hundreds of persons cross here daily, in going to Scott's Valley and

**Shasta Butte City.**

The most available points to get supplies from for the troops at Durkee's and Young's Ferries, provided those places were selected would be for the former from Union Town, Humboldt Bay; for the latter, from Trinidad. For the troops on the upper part of the river or in Scott's Valley or Shasta Butte city, (Yreka) supplies could be brought in wagons from Oregon. They can also be brought to the latter places in a very short time via Sacramento and Reading's Springs.

Twenty men stationed at each of the points mentioned above under judicious and experienced officers would effectually prevent any outbreak on the part of the Indians, and would deter any lawless persons from committing any aggression on Indians without good cause.

There are some fine farms in this part of the country, and already potatoes, barley, peas, etc., are rapidly making their appearance above ground. I enclose you a letter addressed to me from Col. W. W. Hunter an old resident of this part of the country, in reference to the agricultural resources of this place. He has paid great attention to cultivating the soil, and his statements can be relied upon, it may be of interest to some of your readers if you have room to publish it.

An out house belonging to the farm of the Hon. W. R. Turner, judge of this district, took fire yesterday and was entirely destroyed before any assistance could be obtained from town. It was filled with provisions, and the loss of building and contents will amount to about \$1000. A valuable dog belonging to the judge was consumed in the fire.

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